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Corps officials expect high lake releases from Pomme de Terre Lake

HERMITAGE, Mo. — U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Pomme de Terre Dam have reached a major construction milestone on April 1 by completing the concrete floor and walls of the stilling basin.

The temporary construction bypass pipe for small lake releases is in the process of being removed, and regular lake releases will begin on April 7. The lake releases will be gradually increased up to 3,500 cubic feet per second. For the last several months, the lake has only been releasing 110 cubic feet per second. Officials expect the outlet channel to be very full and warn visitors to take precautions.

A number of campgrounds at Pomme de Terre Lake have been affected by the high lake levels and it is expected to take well over a month to bring the lake back down to normal levels.

The contractor will continue to work on the sidewalks, and the schedule for re-opening of the stilling basin area to the public is September.

For questions, please call the Corps office at Pomme de Terre Lake at (417) 745-6411, or e-mail them at Pomme.De-Terre@usace.army.mil.